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SUBJECT: SANKEI POLL ON LOCKHEED "PAYOFF" CASE

SUMMARY: 2/13 SANKEI TELEPHONE SURVEY FOUND CONSIDERABLE PUBLIC INTEREST IN "LOCKHEED PAYOFF FUNDS" CASE, ESPECIALLY IN CALIMED INVOLVEMENT OF KODAMA AND JAPANESE IN HIGH POSITIONS, IN HOW POLITICAL CIRCLES WILL REACT AND IN HUGE SUMS INVOLVED. RESPONDENTS SPLIT ABOUT EVENTLY FOR AND AGAINST ASSIGNING SHARE OF RESPONSIBILITY IN CASE TO MIKI CABINEE, BUT CAME OUT HEAVILY (65 PERCENT) FOR HOLDING THAT LDP SHARES SUCH RESPONSIBILITY. MAJORITY (56 PERCENT) SAID CONGRESS'S RIGOROUS PURSUIT OF IMPROPER ACTS, EVEN WHEN COMMITTED BY OWN COUNTRY.S BIG ENTERPRISE, WAS SUPERB AND TRULY LIKE DEMOCRATIC NATION." SANKEI SHIMBUN POLLSTERS SURVEYED USUAL 1,200-ADULT TOKYO AND OSAKA AREA SAMPLE BY TELEPHONE FEBRUARY 13 ON LOCKHEED "PAYOFF FUNDS" CASE. OBTAINED 971 COMPLETED INTERVIEWS. RESULTS WERE REPORTED IN DAILY SANKEI'S 2/16 MORNING EDITION. FULL TEXT OF QUESTIONS AND FINDINGS (IN PERCENTAGES):

Q.1 IT HAS BEEN BROUGHT OUT BY MNC SUBCOMMITTEE OF U.S. SENATE THAT LOCKHEED AIRCRAFT CORP. GAVE LARGE SUMS OF PAYOFF MONEY TO INTERMEDIARY JAPANESE PERSON AND TRADING COMPANY. WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THIS NEWS?

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QUITE INTERESTED 54

SOMEWHAT INTERESTED 34  
NOT MUCH INTERESTED 9  
NOT AT ALL INTERESTED 2  
NO ANSWER 1  
DEGREE OF INTEREST WAS MUCH HIGHER AMONG MEN (66) THAN WOMEN (43),  
AMONG TOKYO-AREA RESPONDENTS (61) THAN IN OSAKA AREA (45), AND  
INCREASED WITH AGE. BY POLITICAL PARTY PREFERENCE, PRO-DSP  
RESPONDENTS SHOWED HIGHEST INTEREST (78), FOLLOWED BY PRO-JSP  
(71), PRO-JCP (68), PRO-LDP (56) AND PRO-CGP (53).

Q.2 (ASKED OF THOSE "MOST INTERESTED" OR "SOMEWHAT INTERESTED")  
WHAT IS IT THAT MAINLY INTERESTS YOU? (MULTIPLE ANSWERS)

SUSPICION THAT MAJOR JAPANESE TRADING FIRM IS INVOLVED 19  
APPARENT INVOLVEMENT OF PERSON SAID TO BE WIREPULLER  
IN POLITICAL CIRCLES 59  
APPARENT INVOLVEMENT OF PERSON(S) WHO ARE MINISTERIAL  
LEVEL OR HIGH GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS 32  
FACT THAT COMPANY OF UNKOWN CHARACTER IS  
INTERPOSED 7  
FACT THAT AMOUNT OF WORKING FUNDS WAS SO HUGE 26  
EXTENT TO WHICH U.S. CONGRESS'S DATA WILL BE MADE  
PUBLIC 19  
HOW JAPANESE POLITICAL WORLD WILL MOVE 28  
OTHER 2

Q.3 MOST OF JAPANESE SAID TO BE INVOLVED IN THIS CASE HAVE  
DENIED THAT ANY SUCH THING OCCURRED. DO YOU TRUST WHAT THEY SAY?

TRUST IT COMPLETELY 3  
TRUST MOST OF IT 4  
DON'T TRUST IT MUCH 36  
DON'T TRUST IT AT ALL 54  
DK 3

Q.4 DO YOU THINK THAT MIKI CABINET, AS CABINET OF SAME LIBERAL  
DEMOCRATIC PARTY, HAS GREAT RESPONSIBILITY, TOO, CONCERNING  
THIS MATTER; OR DO YOU THINK THAT SINCE (INCIDENT OCCURRED)  
AT TIME OF PREVIOUS CABINET MIKI CABINET DOES NOT HAVE MUCH

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RESPONSIBILITY FOR ITS?  
HAS GREAT RESPONSIBILITY 36  
DOES NOT HAVE MUCH RESPONSIBILITY 39  
CANNOT SAY EITHER WAY 23  
DON'T KNOW 2

Q.5 DO YOU CONSIDER THAT LDP, TOO, IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS KIND  
OF INCIDENT BECAUSE IT VERY MUCH INVOLVES CHARACTER OF LDP; OR

DO YOU THINK THAT LDP IS NOT RESPONSIBLE BECAUSE IT IS QUESTION  
OF INDIVIDUALS?

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|------------------------------|----|
| LDP, TOO, HAS RESPONSIBILITY | 65 |
| LDP HAS NO RESPONSIBILITY    | 16 |
| CANNOT SAY EITHER WAY        | 16 |
| DK                           | 3  |

Q.6 THE U.S. CONGRESS HAS SHOWN STANCE OF RIGOROUSLY PURSUING  
WHATEVER IMPROPRIETY THERE MAY BE EVEN IF IT IS COMMITTED BY OWN  
COUNTRY'S BIG ENTERPRISE. WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT SUCH PROCEDURE  
AS THIS?

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| THOUGHT IT WAS TRULY LIKE DEMOCRATIC NATION AND<br>WAS SUPERB                        | 56 |
| INDIVIDUAL CONGRESSMEN ARE APT TO PLAY TO<br>GRANDSTANDS AND SO I WAS NOT INTERESTED | 6  |
| CANNOT SAY EITHER WAY BECAUSE OF DIFFERENT<br>CONDITIONS OF THE TWO NATIONS          | 34 |
| DK                                                                                   | 4  |

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